

Review A **noun suffix** is added to a base word to form a noun. To use a noun suffix to help determine the meaning of a word:

- Find the base word and noun suffix.
- Think of other words with the same suffix. Ask yourself: What do these words mean?
- Use what you know about the base word and suffix to guess the word’s meaning.
- Use a dictionary to confirm your guess.

A. Directions: Read the boxed passage. Circle the *ten* words that end with the noun suffixes *-ance*, *-ence*, *-ation*, *-cy*, *-ce*, or *-hood*.

Jill had a keen interest in insects even in her infancy. She says that bugs have always sparked her imagination. As a teenager, she has a reverence for all of nature—a respect bordering on awe. However, insects remain her favorite subject. Sometimes she neglects an issue of importance because she is deep in contemplation of a beetle or a butterfly. It is just speculation, of course, but her teachers feel that she is destined for excellence in the sciences. This year Jill will go to Seattle to attend a conference on forest insects and their behavior. She says the trip will be the fulfillment of a childhood dream.

B. Directions: Use your knowledge of noun suffixes to **define** each word you circled in the boxed passage.

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| 10. word: _____ | definition: _____ |